

MINUTES  
**HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Wednesday, January 12, 2022  
**TIME:** 9:00 A.M.  
**PLACE:** Room EW20  
**MEMBERS:** Chairman Wood, Vice Chairman Vander Woude, Representatives Gibbs, Blanksma, Kingsley, Christensen, Lickley, Erickson, Ferch, Mitchell, Chew, Rubel, Burns  
**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None  
**GUESTS:** None

**Chairman Wood** called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A roll call attendance showed all committee members present. **Rep. Ned Burns**, District 26, and **Vance Lind**, the Committee Page, were introduced.

**Chairman Wood** recommended the committee wear masks and take advantage of available testing this session. He stated if members experience any respiratory symptoms, they need to secure immediate testing and not come into the building.

He outlined the schedule for reviewing Administrative Rules, which have mandated re-writes. The members were asked to assure a specific emergency clause is included in any proposed legislation. All agency legislation will be started in the Senate this year.

**Chairman Wood** named **Reps. Burns, Erickson, and Ferch** to be the committee's minutes proofreaders. He instructed them to be punctual in their proofing responses.

With a new remote testimony system and limited IT staff, each Chairman decides whether or not to use the system. **Chairman Wood** stated he has decided it will be initially implemented only for presenters, support staff used by presenters, and public hearings. Regular committee meetings will not include remote testimony. Sign-in sheets will continue to be used within the committee room.

He cautioned the committee members regarding campaigning during any meeting, emphasizing it will be considered inappropriate and out of order.

**Chairman Wood** shared the historical use of Senate cosponsors, stating he will require the inclusion of a Senate cosponsor for any legislation before the committee.

In closing, **Chairman Wood** reminded the committee that his office is always open to help them.

Responding to a request for clarification between public and regular hearings, **Chairman Wood** said a public hearing would be one where the public is invited to testify on a general subject, such as the Department of Health and Welfare, and a regular meeting addresses specific Administrative Rules or legislation.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:16 a.m.

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Representative Wood  
Chair

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Irene Moore  
Secretary